order to examine the techno-economic feasibility of the said VPS System Food Corporation of India has appointed National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. as consultants for the same.

(f) Having regard to the comfortable stocks position of foodgrains in Central Pool, Government has authorised the Food Corporation of India to export/sell for the purpose of export upto 3 million metric tonnes of fine and super fine rice and 2.5 million tonnes of wheat from Central Pool during 1995-96 at the prices fixed by the Government from time to time. Food Corporation of India has not exported any quantity of rice or wheat directly. It has, however, sold a quantity of 1.5 million tonnes of rice upto November, 1995 to exporters both in public and private sector for export by them.

Mid-Term Plan Appraisal Review Report

1380. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the original mid-term plan appraisal review report prepared by the Planning Commission had certain critical observations on Government's new economic policies;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether a revised review of the mid-term plan appraisal has been finalised and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when Government will lay a copy of the same on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The midterm appraisal of Eighth Five Year Plan has not been completed as yet and the necessary exercise in this connection is underway in the Planning Commission in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

(d) This question will arise only after the completion of mid term appraisal.

Subsidy on Export of Sugar

1381. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 15 and Unstarred Question 71 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th November, 1995 and state:

(a) the quantity of sugar exported and imported during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) whether there is any demand for export of sugar and whether any subsidy has been offered for export of sugar because of large scale production of sugar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The quantity of sugar exported and imported during the last three Financial Years is as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

Financial Year	Quantity Exported	Quantity Imported
1992-93	3.63	Nil
1993-94	2.85	Nil
1994-95	Nil	9.77* (actually arrived 9.75)

*This does not include a quantity of *about* 9.84 lakh tonnes imported by Private Parties under Open General Licence (O.G.L.).

(b) As per the export agency Indian Sugar & General Industry Export/Import Corporation, there is a great demand for Indian sugar in the World Market particularly from Russia and Sri Lanka. No subsidy has been given for export of sugar.